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Dear Mr. Caton:

I am writing to support an application filed by TelQuest Ventures, L.L.C. for a license to provide subscription television service.

The satellite television market is a critical cutting edge field. As the market matures and changes in accordance with new legislation and regulations, it is imperative that small businesses have an opportunity to compete.

After examining TelQuest's business plan, I am confident that its entrance into the market will enhance small businesses opportunity to compete. A host of companies — from existing and new wireline and wireless cable providers, to phone companies and utilities — now have clearance to enter the subscription television market. TelQuest will give these new players a way to compete with the established industry leaders.

As a small business owner, I know the requirements for starting a business: reasonable start-up costs, high-quality products and competitive pricing schedules. This is especially true in a business as risky as satellite television. Partnering with a company that can reduce the start-up costs and deliver quality programming at affordable prices is one of the only way local providers can grow and new providers can get started. TelQuest is one such company.

High-tech industries move quickly and leave small windows of opportunity. I urge the FCC to grant TelQuest's application and give small businesses an opportunity to compete.

Respectfully submitted,

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Janet Harris-Lange,

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

Re: Response to Notice of Inquiry "FCC Seeks Small Business Input" GN Docket No. 95-113

Dear Mr. Caton:

On behalf of the Wireless Cable Association International ("WCA"), I'd like to have the opportunity to provide comments in response to the Commission notice soliciting small business input on obstacles faced by small businesses in the telecommunications industry.

In fact, I'd also like to express my strong disappointment about a particular decision made last week by the Federal Communications Commission to deny TelQuest a license to offer consumers another choice of direct broadcast satellite (DBS) service. From the perspective of the wireless cable industry, it appears that TelQuest's application became entangled with trade issues between the Canadian and U.S. governments, which are largely irrelevant to TelQuest. We have been following this issue closely and in fact submitted a previous letter to the Commission, which was dated April 25, 1996, in support of TelQuest's application.

As you know, the WCA is the trade organization of the wireless cable industry. We represent small wireless cable providers who do not have the resources or deep pockets that the large incumbent cable operators have. TelQuest would provide digitized national programming to wireless cable operators and other small, competitive multichannel video programming distributors (MVPDs), This digital satellite feed would allow our members to remain competitive while avoiding the enormous capital investment that would otherwise be necessary for digital compression equipment at each system headend.

Wireless cable operators have invested millions of dollars in spectrum auctions. Given the FCC's recent ruling allowing wireless cable operators to convert to digital technology, the wireless cable industry is eager to move forward. TelQuest's promise to provide digital programming to wireless cable headends will facilitate the conversions of wireless systems to digital and help promote growth in our industry.

Further, granting TelQuest's application would advance the Commission's statutory mandate in section 309(j) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to foster small business participation in the communications industry. The vast majority of wireless cable companies are just that — small, entrepreneurial organizations — and exactly the kind of businesses Congress intended to foster.

Finally, wireless cable is the best positioned of any medium to serve as viable competition to franchised cable systems in the MVPD marketplace, as well as an important option for consumers not passed by cable. Wireless cable also has the potential to become a serious competitor to Direct To Home (DTH) DBS service because of its ability to provide local programming as part of its service.

Granting TelQuest's application would benefit the wireless cable industry and increase competition in the multichannel video marketplace. The WCA encourages the Commission to act expeditiously to ensure that small business has a place on the communications industry playing field and to separate the merits of TelQuest's application from international trade issues.

Sincerely,

Richard Alston
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GN Docket No. 96-113

Dear Mr. Caton:

As wireless cable operators, we would like to take this opportunity to comment on some of the obstacles small businesses face in the telecommunications industry. Wireless cable operators have spent \$216 million on auctions for spectrum. Having made that investment, we are facing hurdles common to many small businesses: insufficient capital reserves and little grace period before we must recoup our investments.

Because of these constraints, time can be our biggest enemy. In order to effectively compete, we must offer at least as many channels as wireline cable and DBS services. The current channel capacity available to wireless cable, however, is insufficient. To level the playing field, wireless cable needs to digitize and compress the signal, thereby increasing our channel capacity by a factor of seven.

But the hardware to digitize and compress is costly -- \$85,000 per channel, per headend. That's a \$2 to \$10 million expense for small business that has already made a substantial investment in spectrum.

One small business, TelQuest Ventures, has found a solution. They have filed with the FCC to provide a DBS service that would allow wireless cable operators to receive digitized, compressed signals from one source, greatly reducing their costs.

Not surprisingly, the large incumbent providers are trying to snuff out TelQuest's proposal in order to preserve their profits. They have successfully stalled TelQuest's application and raised trade issues that are irrelevant to the service the company wants to provide.

We simply cannot afford to wait for this new service any longer. Wireless cable represents an innovative technology that will increase competition and offer more choices to consumers. It is disappointing that the FCC would hold up a service that has the potential to reinvigorate the wireless cable industry, especially over issues that are not related to the company's business plan.

Approving TelQuest's application is one concrete way the FCC can lower the barriers confronting small businesses in telecommunications. We urge the Commission to act.

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The WCA is the trade organization of the wireless cable industry. Wireless cable operators are multichannel video programming distributors ("MVPDs") using 2 GHz terrestrial microwave facilities to serve subscribers. Wireless cable holds the most promise or any other medium to become a viable competitor to franchised cable systems in the MVPD marketplace, as well as an important option for consumers not passed by cable. Wireless cable also has the potential to become a serious competitor to DTH DBS service because of its ability to provide local programming as part of its service.

Favorable FCC action on TelQuest's application is important to WCA because of the benefits that would flow to wireless cable operators. TelQuest proposes to make its digital satellite feed available to wireless cable operators and other small, competitive MVPDs. Due to limited channel capacity (only 12 full-time and 20 part-time channels are allocated for wireless cable use), wireless cable operators can only compete effectively with other MVPDs through the use of digital compression. A digital satellite feed will allow wireless cable operators to remain competitive while avoiding the enormous capital investment that would otherwise be necessary for digital compression equipment at each system headend.

Grant of TelQuest's application would further serve the public interest by advancing the Commission's statutory mandate to foster small business participation in the communications industry. Section 309(j) requires the FCC to "diseminat[e] licenses among a wide variety of applicants, including small businesses." The vast majority of wireless cable companies are small, entrepreneurial organizations — exactly the kind of businesses Congress intended to encourage with Section 309(j) of the Communications Act.

TelQuest would also provide local wireless cable operators with access to interactive technology and other services that are otherwise out of their reach. TelQuest recently acquired

Digital Broadband Applications Corp. ("DBAC"), which developed the only switched digital video William F. Caton April 25, 1996
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network in the US today. DBAC provides the first MPEG-2 digital integration facility and develops subscriber management and related software. All these services will further enable wireless cable operators to compete in an increasingly competitive marketplace.

In addition, TelQuest's services would help wireless cable operators realize full value for the substantial sums they contributed to the U.S. Treasury in the recently-concluded Multipoint Distribution service ("MDS") auction. These frequencies are only valuable as part of an economically viable service. The digital capability and outing-edge interactivity that TelQuest offers are crucial to ensuring the competitiveness of the wireless cable industry.

TelQuest's application would benefit the wireless cable industry and competition in the multichannel video marketplace generally. The WCA urges the Commission to act expeditiously and favorably on the above-referenced applications.

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